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FCC appeal Order designated *Ann Arbor Public Schools, et al* (DA 10-2354)

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions)	
of the Universal Service Administrator by)	
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Ann Arbor Public Schools)	File Nos. SLD-542873, <i>et al.</i>
Ann Arbor, MI, <i>et al.</i>)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Support Mechanism)	

ORDER

Adopted: December 16, 2010

Released: December 16, 2010

By the Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this order, we grant 38 appeals of decisions of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) from schools and libraries seeking to correct ministerial or clerical errors on their FCC Forms 470 and 471 and other related forms for funding under the E-rate program (formally known as the schools and libraries universal service support program).¹ As an initial matter, we find that five appellants warrant waivers of our appeal filing deadline because the appeals involved errors by USAC or an appeal was filed within 60 days of the appellant receiving actual notice.² Next, consistent with the Bureau's *Archer Public Library Order*³ and based on our review of the record, we find good cause exists to waive sections 54.504(b), 54.504(c), and 54.507(c), as necessary, of the Commission's rules to permit these petitioners to correct ministerial or clerical errors on their original FCC Forms 470 and 471 and other related forms or submissions to USAC.⁴

2. Specifically, we find that the petitioners inadvertently made ministerial or clerical errors while completing their FCC forms, while responding to USAC requests for additional information during

¹ In this order, we use the term "appeals" to refer generally to requests for review of decisions issued by USAC. Section 54.719(c) of the Commission's rules provides that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of USAC may seek review from the Commission. 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c). A list of the appeals is attached in the appendix.

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.720. We first find that Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, International College Preparatory Academy, and Nur-UI-Islam Academy were seeking to correct errors made by USAC in processing their applications but were not aware of those errors until after the 60-day appeal deadline. We also find that Greater Albany Public Schools and Holcomb Unified School District 363 filed their respective appeals within 60 days of discovering or receiving notice of the defects in their applications.

³ *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Archer Public Library, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, File Nos. SLD-140961, *et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 23 FCC Rcd 15518 (2008) (*Archer Order*) (granting waivers permitting petitioners to correct clerical or ministerial errors in their FCC Forms 471 or associated item 21 attachments).

⁴ See appendix; 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.504(b), 54.504(c), 54.507(c).

the application review process, or while making requests for service substitution.⁵ These errors include: failing to timely notify USAC to correct a USAC clerical error;⁶ entering the wrong FCC Form 470 number, wrong billed entity number, or wrong billed entity number/worksheet number on their FCC Form 471;⁷ entering the wrong name or service provider identification number (SPIN);⁸ entering the wrong expiration date for a contract;⁹ erroneously characterizing the purchase and installation of equipment as a recurring service;¹⁰ making a calculation error;¹¹ entering the monthly charge as the annual charge;¹² entering the discounted annual price rather than the pre-discount annual price;¹³ entering the amount that a service provider was mistakenly temporarily charging rather than the contracted monthly rate;¹⁴ miscalculating its discount rate;¹⁵ failing to separately list a building where equipment was to be located;¹⁶ failing to enter a request for telecommunications service that was clearly indicated on its item 21 attachment;¹⁷ basing its block 5 funding requests on the wrong FCC Form 471 block 4 worksheet;¹⁸ selecting the wrong term or service;¹⁹ selecting the wrong category of service in its FCC Form 471;²⁰ making a typographical error in recording the cost of ineligible equipment in response to a USAC request for additional data;²¹ failing to follow the correct procedure for modifying its FCC Form

⁵ Ministerial and clerical errors are those that would, for example, be made when entering data from one list to another, such as mistyping a number, using the wrong name or phone number, failing to enter an item from the source list onto the application, or making an arithmetical error.

⁶ Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (misplaced decimal point), International College Preparatory Academy (treating a monthly bill as an annual total), Nur-Ul-Islam Academy (treating a monthly bill as an annual total) (concerning application 585505).

⁷ Clare-Gladwin RESD, Roosevelt School District No. 66, Santa Clara County Office of Education, Shasta Union High School District, Wallace School District 65-R, Winchester Public Schools, York County School District 1.

⁸ Burlington County Special Services District, New Kent County Public Schools (gave wrong name of service provider).

⁹ Ann Arbor Public Schools.

¹⁰ Cartwright School District, Centralia School District, Cocke County Schools, Community School for Apprenticeship Learning, Harmony Area School District, Long Beach Unified School District.

¹¹ Okmulgee Independent School District 1.

¹² Oklahoma City Public Schools.

¹³ South O'Brien Community School District.

¹⁴ Avery County School District.

¹⁵ Rio Dell Elementary School District.

¹⁶ Garvey School District, Taos Municipal Schools.

¹⁷ St. John the Apostle School (concerning application 752047).

¹⁸ San Bernardino City Unified School District.

¹⁹ Nur-Ul-Islam Academy (concerning application 564645), Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District.

²⁰ Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Holcomb Unified School District 363.

²¹ Rosemead Elementary School District (the cost of ineligible equipment, the amount of which was to be subtracted from a total purchase, was mistakenly recorded during PIA review as \$44,543.25 x 2, instead of \$4,543.25 x 2).

471;²² mistakenly providing the wrong documentation concerning a purchase;²³ and describing the service it purchased as for its entire district when it was only intended to serve a single elementary school.²⁴ In addition, one applicant omitted a service from a service substitution request,²⁵ and another entered the wrong application number on the certifications it submitted and apparently failed to press the submit button to submit its otherwise completed application.²⁶

3. To ensure that the underlying applications are resolved expeditiously, we direct USAC to complete its review of the underlying applications listed in the appendix and issue an award or a denial based on a complete review and analysis no later than 120 calendar days from the release date of this order.²⁷

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154 and 254, and sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.3 and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.3 and 54.722(a), that the requests for review filed by the petitioners listed in the appendix ARE GRANTED and their applications ARE REMANDED to USAC for further consideration to the extent provided herein.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154 and 254, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.3 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 1.3, that sections 54.504(b), 54.504(c), and 54.507(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.504(b), 54.504(c), and 54.507(c) ARE WAIVED for the petitioners listed in the appendix as provided herein, and that section 54.720 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.720, IS WAIVED for the petitioners listed in footnote 2.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154 and 254, that USAC SHALL COMPLETE its review of each remanded application listed in the appendix and ISSUE an award or a denial based on a complete review and analysis no later than 120 calendar days from the release date of this order.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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²² Baxley Wilderness Institute.

²³ Yupiit School District.

²⁴ Liberty Public Schools.

²⁵ Chico Unified School District (substitution request inadvertently omitted a service whose cost was included in the submitted total).

²⁶ Iredell-Statesville Schools.

²⁷ In performing a complete review and analysis of the underlying application, USAC shall either grant the underlying application before it, or, if denying the application, provide the applicant with any and all grounds for denial.

APPENDIX

Applicant/Service Provider Name	Application Number	Funding Year	Date Filed
Ann Arbor Public Schools Ann Arbor, MI	542873	2007	Oct. 26, 2007
Avery County School District Newland, NC	686081	2009	Jul. 2, 2009
Baxley Wilderness Institute Baxley, GA	577689	2007	May 27, 2008
Burlington County Special Services District Mount Holly, NJ	671143	2009	Feb. 3, 2010
Darcomm Network Solutions (Cartwright School District) Phoenix, AZ	408211	2004	Feb. 28, 2007
Centralia School District Centralia, WA	616328, 616414	2008	Oct. 14, 2009
Quest (Chico Unified School District) Sacramento, CA	414517	2005	Nov. 3, 2006
Clare-Gladwin RESD Clare, MI	650762	2009	July 30, 2009
Cocke County Schools Newport, TN	684282, 684298	2009	Oct. 19, 2010
Community School for Apprenticeship Learning Baton Rouge, LA	405952	2004	July 24, 2007
Garvey School District Rosemead, CA	632417	2008	Sept. 2, 2009
Harmony Area School District Westover, PA	471000	2005	Aug. 18, 2008
Holcomb Unified School District 363 Holcomb, KS	724354	2010	Nov. 4, 2010
Illinois School for the Visually Impaired Jacksonville, IL	619896	2008	Oct. 23, 2008
International College Preparatory Academy Cincinnati, OH	447722	2005	Nov. 8, 2006
Iredell-Statesville Schools Statesville, NC	729572	2010	Sept. 21, 2010
Liberty Public Schools Liberty, MO	518119	2006	Jan. 22, 2007
Cybertek Computer and Networking Services (Long Beach Unified School District) Long Beach, CA	680511	2009	July 30, 2010
Miami-Dade County Public Schools Miami, FL	448782	2005	May 17, 2006
New Kent County Public Schools New Kent, VA	376935	2009	Jan. 3, 2010
Nur-Ul-Islam Academy Cooper City, FL	585505	2007	Apr. 15, 2008

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Nur-Ul-Islam Academy Cooper City, FL	564645	2007	May 12, 2008
Oklahoma City Public Schools Oklahoma City, OK	262187	2001	Jan. 16, 2003
Okmulgee Independent School District 1 Okmulgee, OK	547821	2007	Dec. 28, 2007
Rio Dell Elementary School District Rio Dell, CA	654733	2009	Jan. 5, 2010
Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District Rio Grande City, TX	477962	2005	Jan. 22, 2007
Roosevelt School District No. 66 Phoenix, AZ	510708	2006	Mar. 20, 2007
Rosemead Elementary School District Rosemead, CA	574972	2007	May 16, 2008
St. John the Apostle School Lincoln, NE	752047	2010	July 21, 2010
San Bernardino City Unified School District San Bernardino, CA	536215	2006	Sept. 8, 2009
Santa Clara County Office of Education San Jose, CA	537410	2006	Apr. 2, 2007
Shasta Union High School District Redding, CA	495586	2006	Sept. 5, 2007
South O'Brien Community School District Paullina, IA	686793	2009	Jun. 25, 2009
Taos Municipal Schools Taos, NM	668143	2009	Nov. 24, 2009
Wallace School District 65-R Wallace, NE	516178	2006	Feb. 13, 2007
Winchester Public Schools Winchester, MA	459562	2005	Jan. 30, 2006
York County School District 1 York, SC	453973	2005	Sept. 18, 2006
Yupit School District Akiachak, AK	428696	2004	Apr. 20, 2006

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USAC Administrator's Decision on Appeal
Denied



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2014-2015

September 08, 2014

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Re: Applicant Name: TEXLINE INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Billed Entity Number: 141874
Form 471 Application Number: 938477
Funding Request Number(s): 2563914
Your Correspondence Dated: May 22, 2014

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2014 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2563914
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- On appeal, you requested the change in funding request from \$3,370/mo. to \$4,020/mo. According to program guidance, increases to funding may be requested when the applicant submits increase in funding on the FCC Form 471 Receipt Acknowledgement Letter (RAL) or during Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) review. Requests to increase funding may be submitted up until the FCDL letter is issued. Based on the documentation in the record, USAC determined that you did not request an increase in funding on the Receipt Acknowledgement Letter (RAL) or during the original PIA review. Consequently, the appeal is denied.
- Your appeal requests additional funds that were not included in the FCC Form 471 that you are appealing. FCC rules require that funding requests must be

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Form 486 Application Number:

submitted via an FCC Form 471. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.504(a). Considerations for funding requests depend on the date the FCC Form 471 is received and the amount of funds available if it is received after the close of the filing window. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.507(g)(1)(i)-(v). The FCC directed USAC to allow applicants to amend their forms to correct clerical and ministerial errors on their FCC Forms 470, FCC Form 471 applications, or associated documentation until an FCDL is issued. Such errors include only the kinds of errors that a typist might make when entering data from one list to another, such as mistyping a number, using the wrong name or phone number, failing to enter an item from the source list onto the application, or making an arithmetic error. *See* Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, FCC 11-60 para. 5 (rel. April 14, 2011). Additional correctable errors can be found in the FCC Order DA 10-2354. *See* Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ann Arbor, Michigan, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-542873, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, DA 10-2354 para. 2 (rel. December 16, 2010).

- The FCC's Bishop Perry Order directed USAC "to provide all E-rate applicants with an opportunity to correct ministerial and clerical errors on their FCC Form 470 or FCC Form 471, and an additional opportunity to file the required certifications" without posting new FCC Forms 470 and 471. *See* Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Bishop Perry Middle School, New Orleans, Louisiana, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-487170, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 5316-5317, FCC 06-54 para. 23 (May 19, 2006) (Bishop Perry Order). As a result, USAC sends an applicant a Receipt Acknowledgement Letter (RAL) when the FCC Form 471 has been successfully data entered and provides the applicant with an opportunity to make allowable corrections to its FCC Form 471. *See* Ministerial & Clerical Errors posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website. Per the FCC's directive, applicants should be allowed to amend their forms to correct clerical and ministerial errors until a Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) is issued. Such errors include only the kinds of errors that a typist might make when entering data from one list to another, such as mistyping a number, using the wrong name or phone number, failing to enter an item from the source list onto the application, or making an arithmetic error. *See* Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, FCC 11-60 para. 5 (rel. April 14, 2011). Additional correctable errors can be found in the FCC Order DA 10-2354. *See* Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ann Arbor, Michigan, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-542873, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, DA 10-2354 para. 2 (rel. December, 2010). An applicant's request to remove entities from its application, when such removal would raise the average discount percentage for the relevant funding request above the funding threshold for that year, is not justifiable as a ministerial or clerical error. *See* Request for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Alexander County School District, Taylorsville, North Carolina, et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. File

No. SLD-827833 et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, DA 13-1383 para. 2(rel. June 14, 2013).

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found under the Reference Area/"Appeals" of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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